# Automated Property Management System

Donation from the San Diego Police Foundation

### **Current Process**

- The Property Room uses a paper-driven property and evidence management system that requires a considerable amount of manual labor and repetitive work effort.
- Officers handwrite information on property tags that are already typed into their incident reporting software.
- Old tags and back-up copies are stored in paper files indefinitely.
- No ability to generate reports or search for specific items without manually reviewing each tag.

#### **Future Process**

- Officers will type property data one time and copy it into the reporting software.
- The system will be automated with barcode capability and will be based on incident numbers and item numbers.
- The incident based approach will increase accountability for property stored in the Property Room.
- Linking items to incidents will permit one electronic property tag per incident and permit items from the same incident to be stored in different locations in the Property Room.

## Efficiencies Gained with New System

- Enables Police divisions to access the system via the Internet, based on specific access rights.
- Drastically reduces handwritten documentation.
- Reduces time Property Room staff spends on processing incoming property and evidence.
- Streamlines case management by storing electronic documents associated with the evidence (photos, lab reports, driver's licenses, etc.)
- Produces chain of custody documentation for use in court.

## Efficiencies Gained with New System

- Assigns and tracks disposition and destruction dates of individual items.
- Allows the ability to search and generate several custom reports.
- Allows paperless transactions by obtaining and storing electronic signatures.
- Automatically documents every transaction or change in the system to ensure higher level of accountability.

### Donation from the San Diego Police Foundation

A donation from the San Diego Police Foundation of \$126,000 will fund the following system-related items:

- Automated Property Management System Software
- System-related hardware (scanners, barcode printers, etc.)
- Training
- Annual maintenance and support
- New desktops, laptops, server necessary to support the new system

### Requested Actions

- Accept a donation of \$126,000 from the San Diego Police Foundation for the specific purpose of purchasing an automated property management system and the associated hardware.
- Appropriate donated funding of \$126,000 to the Police Department's FY 2011 budget and authorize the expenditure of funds for the specific purpose of purchasing an automated property management system and the associated hardware.







#### EVIDENCE TAG

Date 11/03/08 File No 108292075

Name:

Officer ID: G103 RICHARDS, MARK

Property Type: General Evidence

Description of Property:

PC: 245. ASS

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Compact disc

Item# 01

Barcode: 65965











